

# TESTBEDS

*a reuse initiative for public space*



*Testbeds is an initiative to repurpose architectural mockups for New York's community gardens. The project is supported by NYC Parks GreenThumb.*

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*performance and visual mockups*







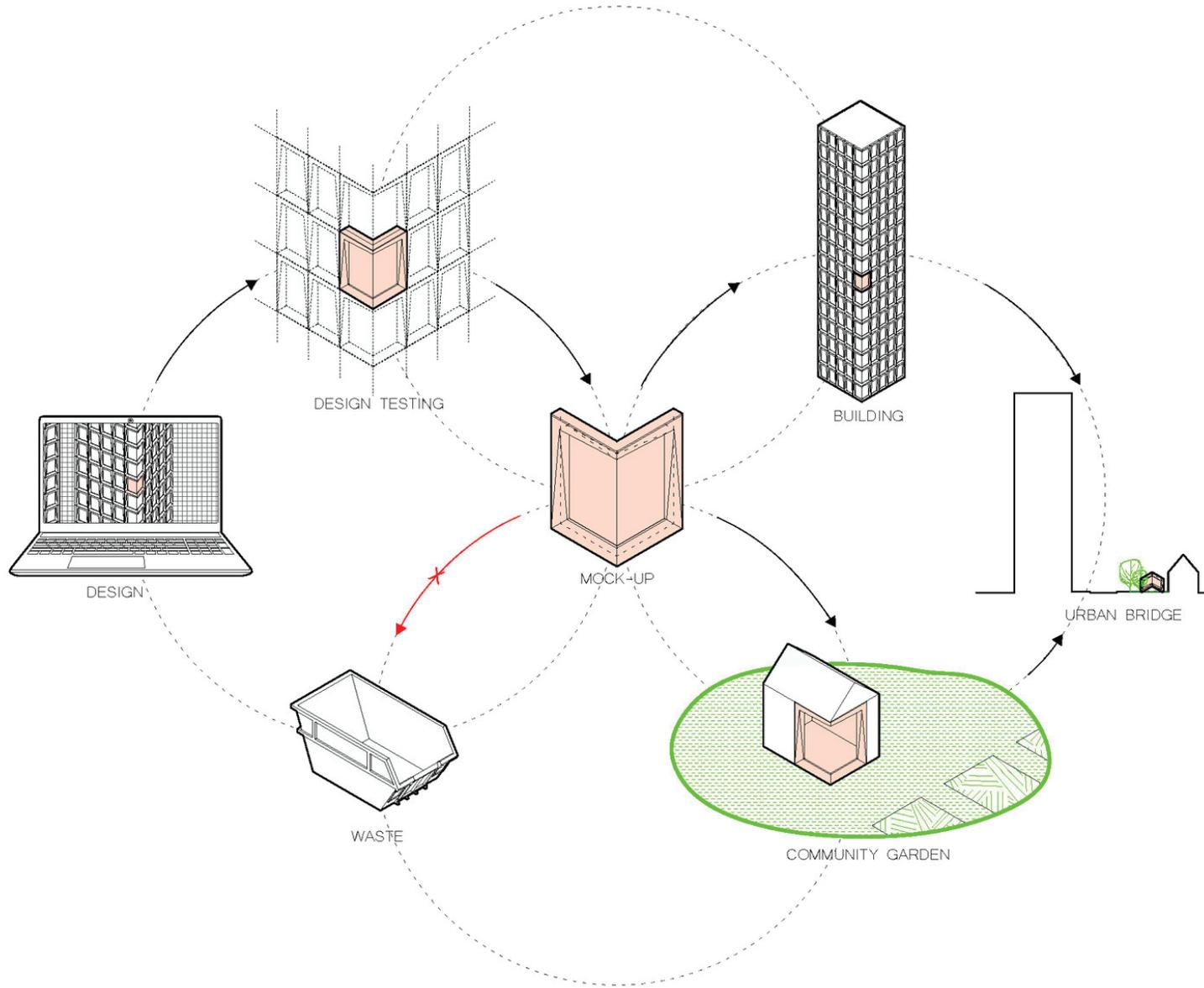
*what if mockups could have a second life?*

*from facade mockups...*

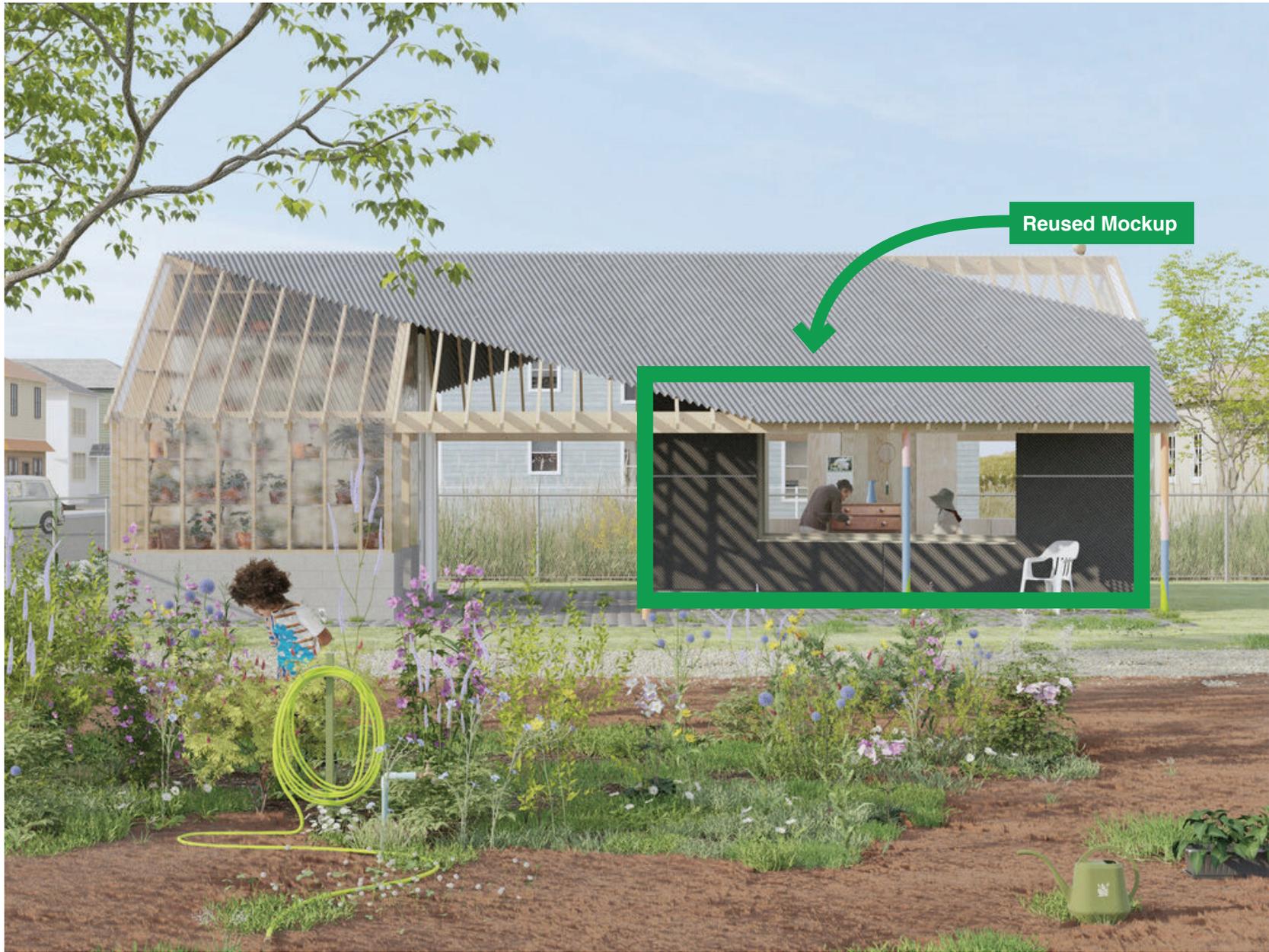


*...to sheds, casitas and greenhouses*





*rethinking lifecycles*



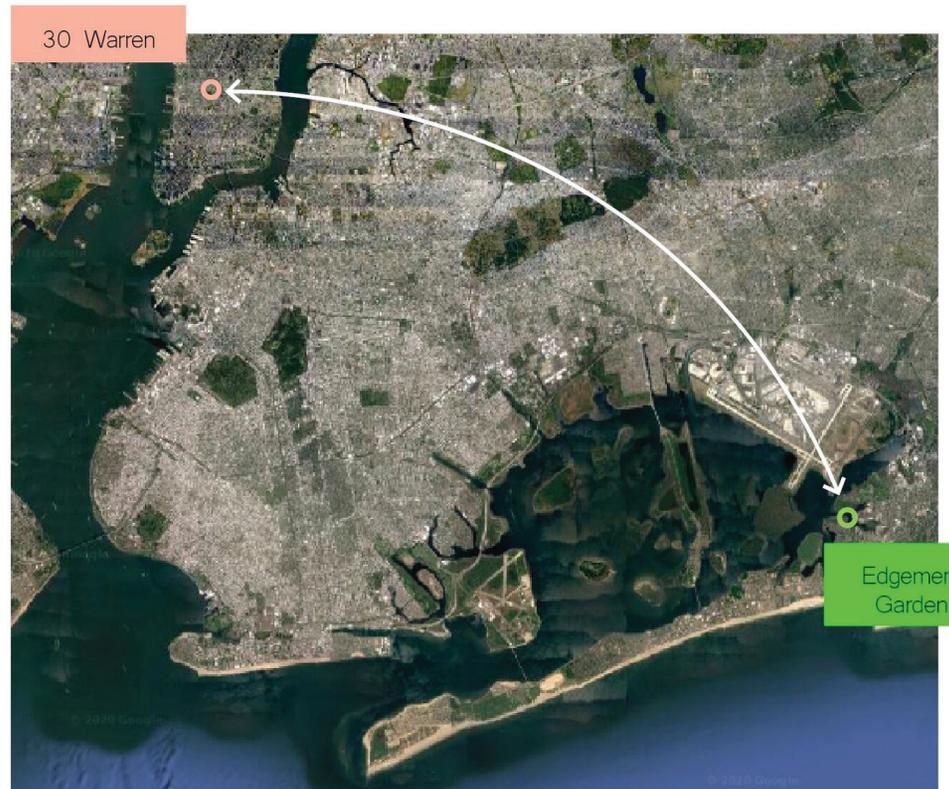
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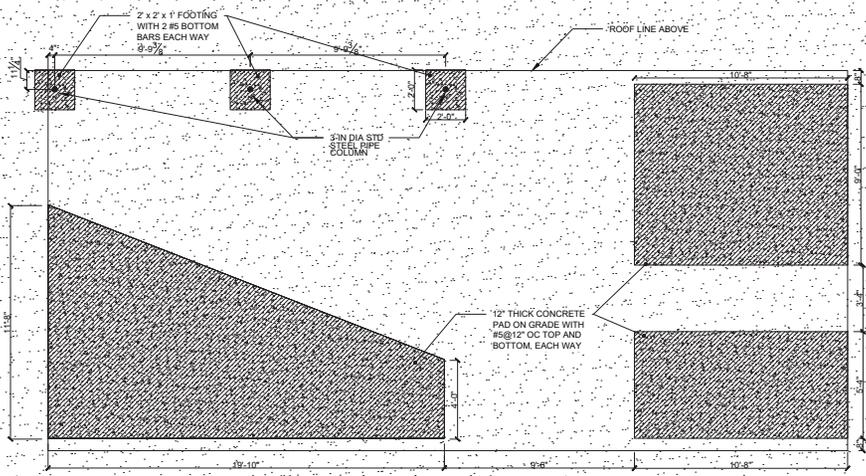
*redistributing architectural resources*



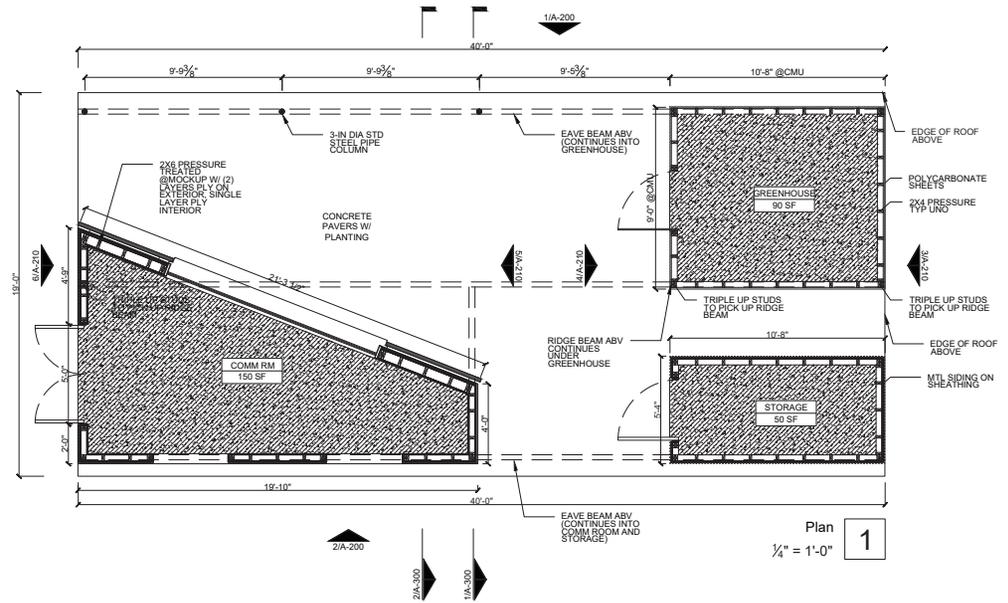
## 480 BEACH 43 STREET, 11691

Queens (Borough 4) | Block 15960 | Lot 43

*existing conditions*



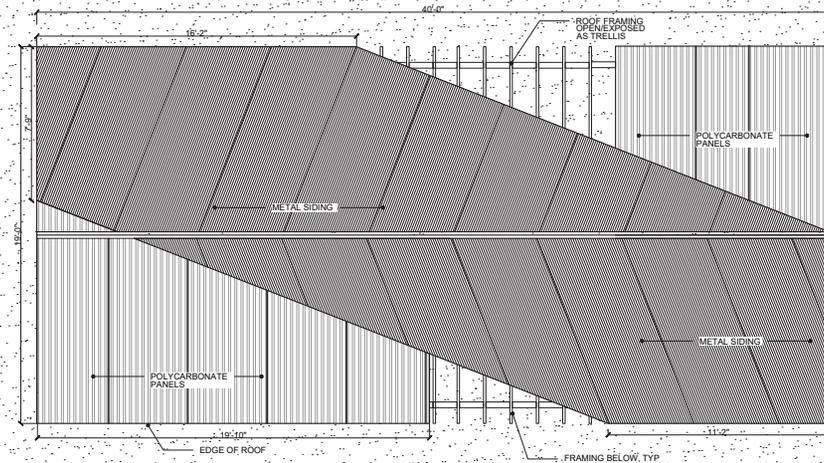
Plan @ concrete pads.  
 $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'-0''$



Plan 1  
 $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'-0''$

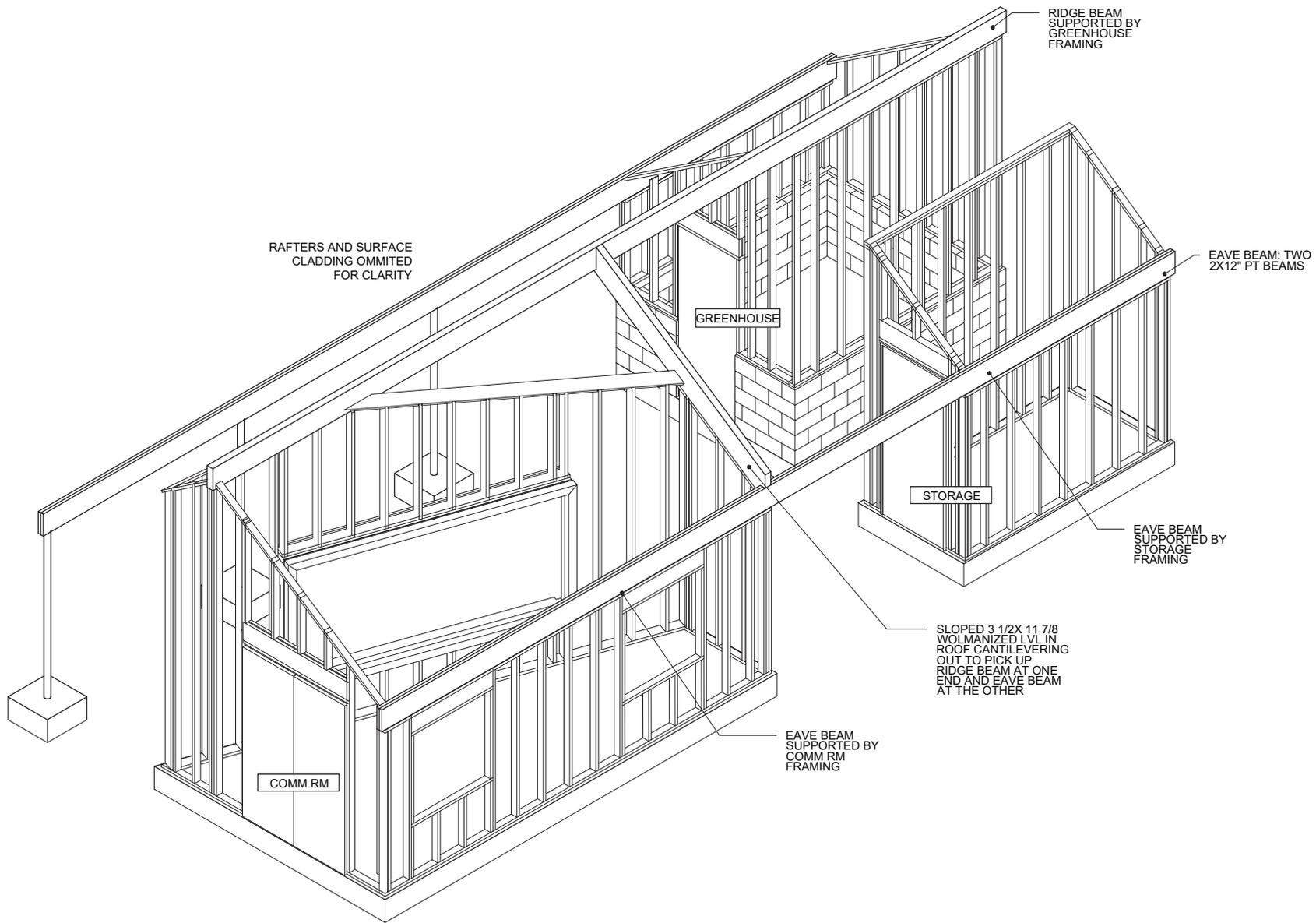
*foundation*

*floor plan*

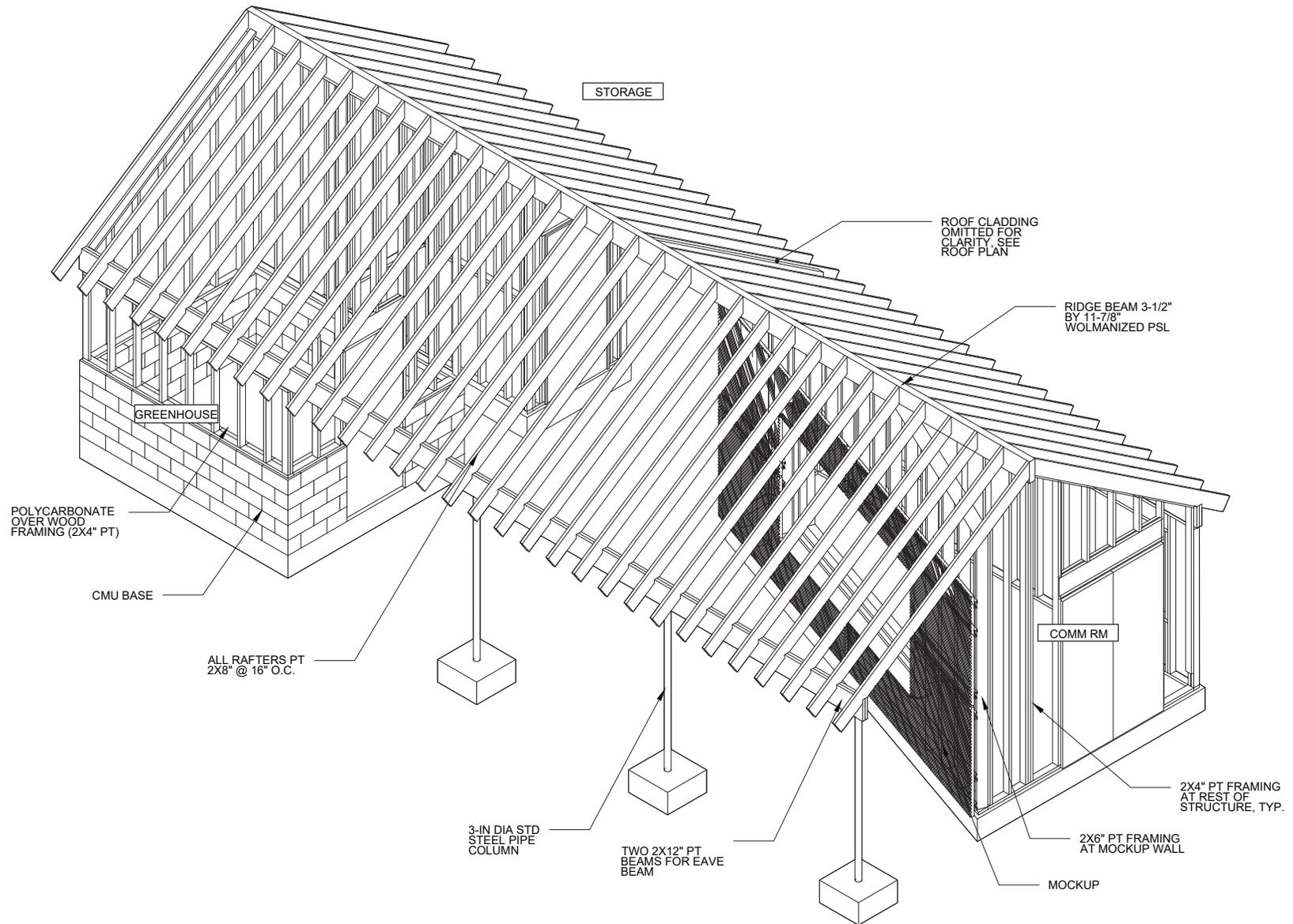


Roof Plan.  
 $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'-0''$

*roof plan*



*assembling the frame*



*embedding the mockup*



Proposed (mockup structure only):  
 1. Mockup/Event Space  
 2. Toolshed  
 3. Greenhouse  
 4. Shaded Patio

Existing:  
 5. Entry  
 6. Flower Garden  
 7. Storage  
 8. Driveway  
 9. Planter Beds  
 10. Future Expansion

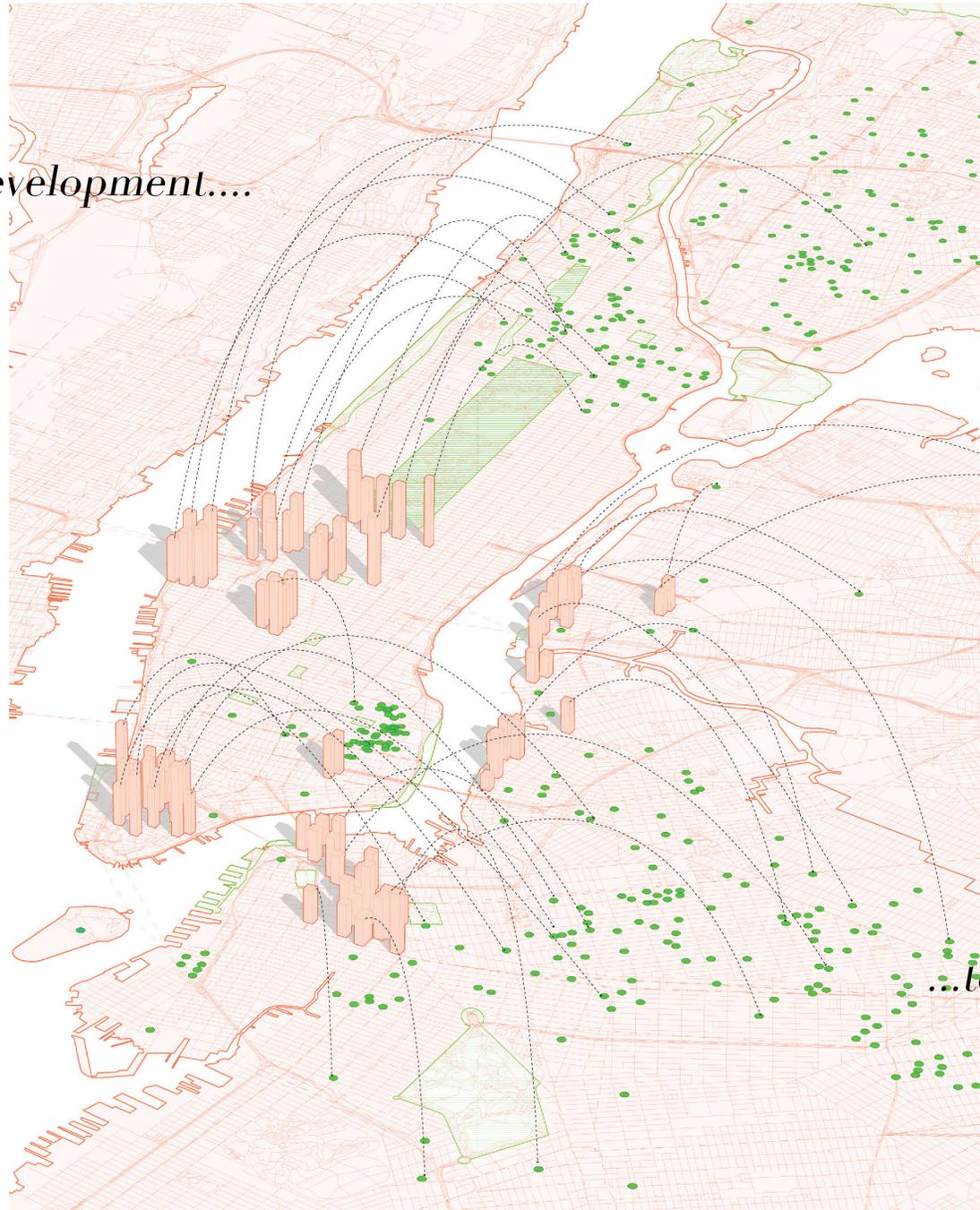


*anchoring the garden*



*two windows onto the city*

*from sites of development....*



*...to public gardens*

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## Architects spend upward of \$200K on facades they never use. Here's a creative way to repurpose them

These luxury mockups are being turned into garden sheds and greenhouses in New York City.

BY NATE BERG

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BY LAURA ROTE SEPTEMBER 16, 2020



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## How This NYC Firm Turns Architectural Mock-ups Into Community Gardens



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